

**REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUSTIFICATION FOR RENEWAL**

**1. Accomplishments under Extant Charter.** The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will have met eight times during the period 8/19/2014 to 8/19/2016.

The RPTAC responded to several requests by the Department of Commerce for its position on proposed regulations policy and export control changes. It advised on the revisions to the current edition of the Export Administration Regulations and on other initiatives related to the administration of export controls.

The RPTAC, composed of members selected for their individual expertise regarding the administration of export controls, is a uniquely configured source for up-to-date guidance on the export of commodities in the high technology marketplace.

The estimated annual operating cost of the RPTAC is \$38,673.

**2. Need for Renewal.** Significant changes to U.S. export control policy continue to occur as a result of changes in the global arena of high-technology exports. With the current organization of the Commerce Control List, a single forum is needed for addressing the administrative aspects of U.S. export control policy.

**3. Balanced Membership.** The membership is required by law to be composed of a diverse representation of industry and Government with specific technical or administrative expertise. The principal sources for members from industry are large and small firms located throughout the country that manufactures equipment that is subject to U.S. export control.

Few people possess the expertise needed in the area of export control administration to qualify for service on the RPTAC. Members of the RPTAC are not selected as representatives of their firms. Rather, the prime criterion for membership is the administrative expertise of the individual.

**4. Other Factors.** Neither the Department nor any existing committee can perform the functions of the RPTAC, as only qualified individuals currently working in the industry are able to keep abreast of developments affecting export controls on materials. Further, a private sector perspective regarding the formulation and implementation of export control policies, laws, and regulations is necessary. The Department will need technical advice provided by RPTAC as long as there are export controls on the items under its technical purview; the nature of this advisory role indicates that the RPTAC's function is ongoing.